

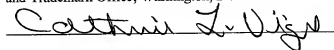
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For: **Use of a Pure Allergen Component**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and first action by the Examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-8.

Please add the following claims 9-22:

--9. (NEW) A method for serologically identifying with improved accuracy the actual sensitizing allergen source among a variety of possible allergen sources containing cross-reactive proteins or epitopes, comprising contacting serum with a pure allergen component of limited or no cross-reactivity.--

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--10. (NEW) The method according to claim 9 for selection of treatment of a disorder involving extract, proteins or peptides derived from said actual allergenic sensitizer.--

--11. (NEW) The method according to claim 9, wherein the allergen component is derived from pollen of a plant species.--

--12. (NEW) The method according to claim 11, wherein the plant species is a weed species.--

--13. (NEW) The method according to claim 12, wherein the weed species is mugwort, ragweed or a *Parietaria* species.--

--14. (NEW) The method according to claim 13, wherein the weed species is *Parietaria judaica*.--

--15. (NEW) The method according to claim 14, wherein the allergen component is Par j 1 or Par j 2.--

--16. (NEW) The method according to claim 9, wherein the allergen component is synthetic, recombinant or native.--

--17. (NEW) The method according to claim 10, wherein the allergen component is derived from pollen of a plant species.--

--18. (NEW) The method according to claim 17, wherein the plant species is a weed species.--

--19. (NEW) The method according to claim 18, wherein the weed species is mugwort, ragweed or a *Parietaria* species.--

--20. (NEW) The method according to claim 19, wherein the weed species is *Parietaria judaica*.--

--21. (NEW) The method according to claim 20, wherein the allergen component is Par j 1 or Par j 2.--

--22. (NEW) The method according to claim 2, wherein the allergen component is synthetic, recombinant or native.--

REMARKS

By the present Amendment, a revised set of claims is presented in order to omit the multiple dependency of the original claims and to avoid "use" claims. Support for claims 9 and 10 may be found in original claims 1 and 2, respectively. Support for claims 11-16 and 17-22 may be found in original claims 3-8, respectively. It is believed that these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, whereby entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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